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The Security Council,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the situation in Timor-Leste, in particular resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002,

Reiterating its full support for the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (UNMISET),

Welcoming the progress that Timor-Leste has achieved with the assistance of UNMISET since independence,

Noting the continued existence of challenges to the security and stability of Timor-Leste,

Stressing that improving the overall capabilities of the Timor-Leste police force is a key priority,

Having considered the special report of the Secretary-General on UNMISET of 3 March 2003 (S/2003/243),

Having considered also the letter of 28 March 2003 from the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations to the members of the Security Council (S/2003/379, annex),

1. *Decides* that the composition and strength of the police component of UNMISET and the schedule for its downsizing will be adjusted in line with paragraphs 33 and 35 of the special report of the Secretary-General and will include the following specific measures:

(i) inclusion of an internationally formed unit for one year;

(ii) the provision of additional training capacity in key areas specified in the Special Report of the Secretary-General;

(iii) greater emphasis on human rights and rule of law elements;

(iv) the retention of a greater monitoring and advisory presence in districts where policing authority has been handed over to the Timor-Leste Police Force;

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(v) the following-up of the recommendations outlined in the report of the Joint Assessment Mission on policing of November 2002;

(vi) adjustment of planning for the gradual transfer of policing authority to the Timor-Leste Police Force;

2. *Decides* that the schedule for the downsizing of the military component of UNMISET for the period up until December 2003 will be adjusted in line with the letter of 28 March 2003 from the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations to the members of the Security Council; and, accordingly, that two battalions will be retained within regions adjoining the Tactical Coordination Line during this period, together with associated force elements, including mobility; and that the number of military peacekeepers will reduce to 1,750 more gradually than was foreseen in resolution 1410 (2002);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide by 20 May 2003 for the approval of the Security Council a detailed military strategy for the revised schedule for the downsizing of the military component of UNMISET;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council closely and regularly informed of developments on the ground and on implementation of the revised military and police strategies;

5. *Requests* the Government of Timor-Leste to continue to work closely with UNMISET, including in the implementation of the revised police and military strategies;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.